

Safety ...Off The Job

Going on Vacation?

Don't provide a thief with tools to invade your home.

Don't let your great vacation give way to a possible break-in. Precautions for the safekeeping of your home while your family is away on vacation can provide the important benefits of safety and peace of mind.

- Inform a trusted neighbor of your departure and return dates. Leave a number where you can be reached in case of an emergency. Be sure to leave a house key with your neighbor, and ask him to park in your driveway.
- Have your neighbor pick up newspapers and mail. Arrange for trimming of the lawn and clearing of the walkways.
- Valuables should be stored in a safe deposit box.
- Use clock timers to activate lights or radios at intervals, giving the impression that someone is home.

- All tools and ladders should be out of sight and locked up. Don't provide a thief with tools to invade your home.

- Unplug all electrical appliances and the television to prevent against a fire hazard in your absence.

- Close the fireplace flue to prevent birds or animals from entering.

- Put your garbage cans in the basement or in a storage shed; empty ones are a sure sign you're away.

- Before leaving, double check to ensure all entries are secured.

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